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4th of July Celebration and Fireworks!

Saturday July 4, 2015 – Historic Downtown Wilmington
Presented by the City of Wilmington and Carolina Marine Terminal
Entertainment in Riverfront Park: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Fireworks begin at 9:05 pm from a barge in the Cape Fear River

The City of Wilmington's 4th of July Celebration will be held on Saturday July 4, 2015 and is presented by Carolina Marine Terminal. Join us on Water Street beginning at 5:00 pm for food and music by The Clams! **Fireworks will begin at 9:05 pm from a barge in the Cape Fear River located just north of the Battleship NC.** For those viewing the fireworks along the river, bring your radios and tune in to WGNI 102.7 FM. Primary viewing of the fireworks will be from downtown along the Riverfront. WECT TV 6 will also broadcast the fireworks live beginning at 9:00 pm. Detailed information is available online at www.wilmingtonnc.gov.

Parking Information

- City decks located at 115 Market St. and 114 N. 2nd St. and the County deck at 212 N. 2nd St. will charge a \$7.00 event fee. Cape Fear Community College decks will charge a \$5.00 event fee. The Wilmington Convention Center at 515 Nutt St. will charge an \$8.00 event fee and the Water St. parking deck will charge a \$10.00 event fee. Parking on street is free.

Street Closures

- Water between Market and Grace and the 00 blocks of Market and Princess will close at 1:30 pm (event area); Chestnut between Front and 2nd and Chestnut between 2nd and 3rd will close as early as 5:00 pm for emergency equipment placement.
- **Areas west of 2nd Street towards the river will close as early as 6:00 pm once parking is no longer available. If you are planning on parking in the downtown district or in one of the parking decks arrive early.**

Important Traffic Information

- **Expect 1 to 2 hour delays leaving downtown after the fireworks due to large volumes of traffic for this event.**
- Vehicles should park on the side of downtown (with Redcross St. being the dividing line) that is closest to the direction they will travel after the fireworks have ended.
- **Traffic parked south of Redcross St. will be diverted south** towards Market St., Dawson St. and the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge - includes City parking decks in the 100














block of Market St., the 100 block of N. 2nd St. and the Water St. parking deck as well as the County deck in the 200 block of N. 2nd St. and the CFCC deck at Nutt and Redcross

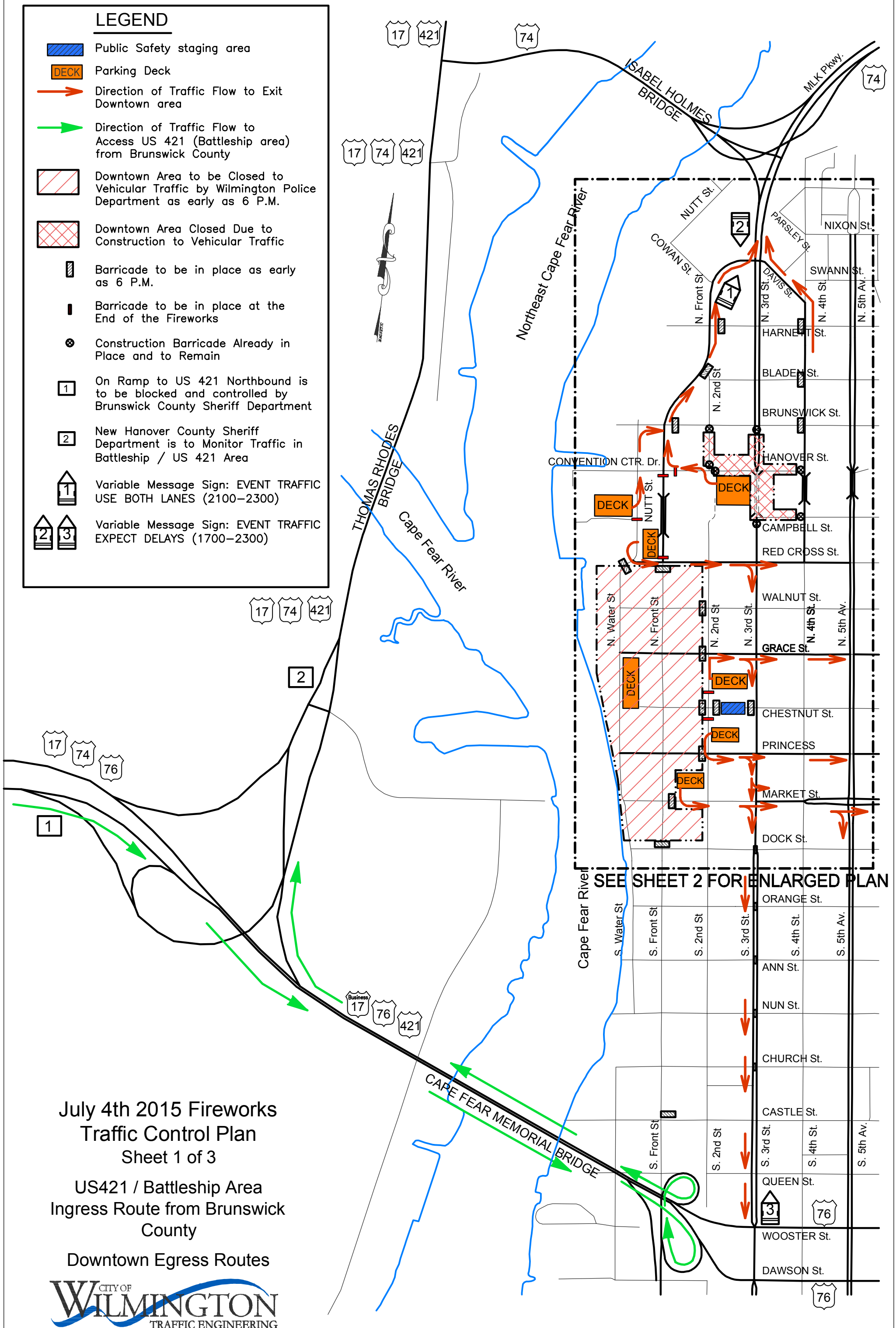
- **Traffic parked north of Redcross St. will be diverted north** towards MLK Parkway and the Isabel Holmes Bridge – includes the Wilmington Convention Center parking deck at 515 Nutt St. and the CFCC deck at 3rd and Hanover
- Those utilizing parking decks can expect longer delays due to high volumes exiting at one time.
- Please note that the bridge on 3rd St. between Redcross and Hanover is currently closed to traffic due to construction.
- **No standing, stopping or parking on bridges, roadways or along medians on route 17, 74/76, 133 or 421 – police will monitor these areas and towing will be enforced.**
- **A detour will occur at the 421 N. ramp from 74/76 as early as 6:00 pm or when necessary.**
- For traffic information call 511 or visit the NCDOT TIMS website at <http://tims.ncdot.gov/tims/>.

Boating Traffic

- Authorities will maintain a safety zone for 30 minutes after the fireworks around the launch site. No thru boating traffic will be allowed.

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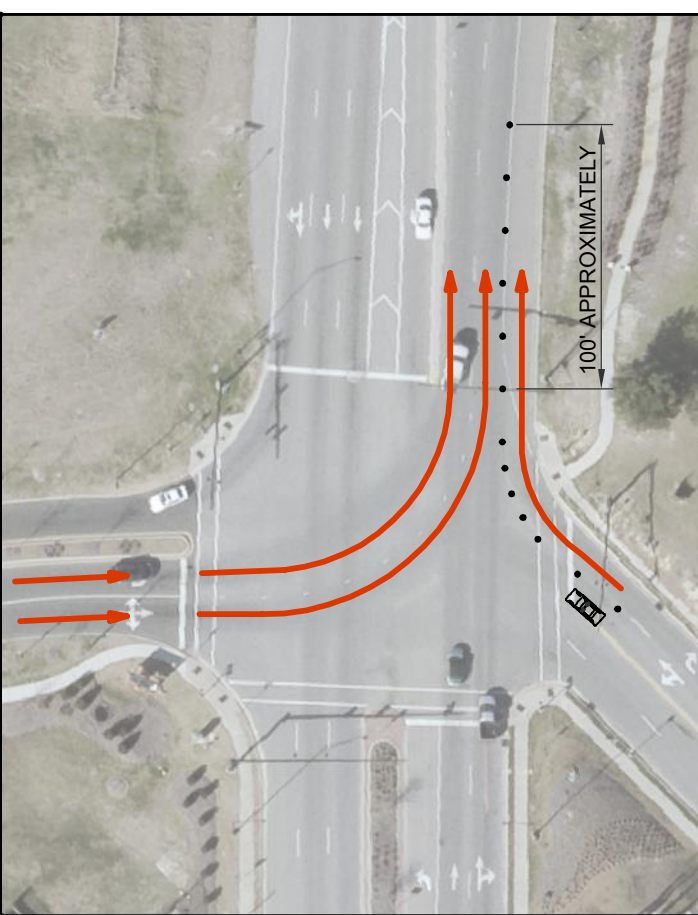
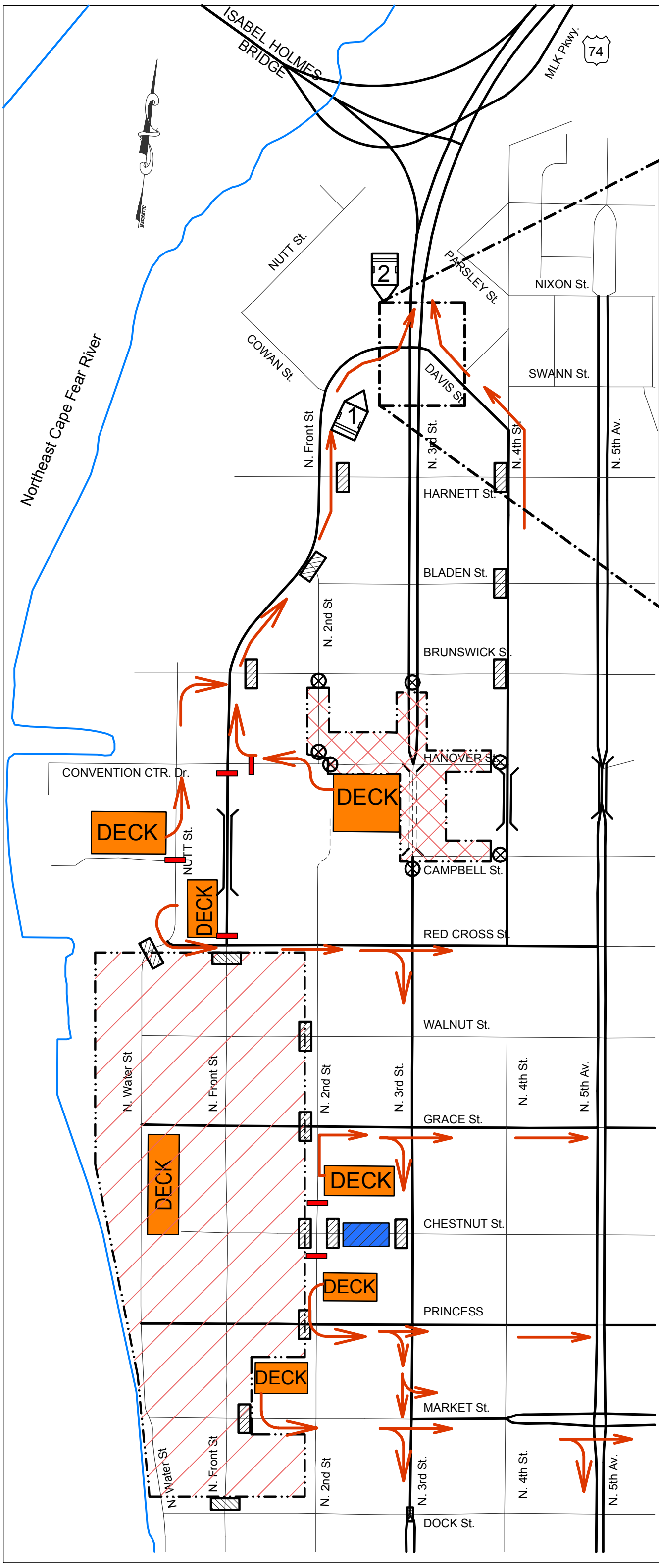
-  Public Safety staging area
-  Parking Deck
-  Direction of Traffic Flow to Exit Downtown area
-  Direction of Traffic Flow to Access US 421 (Battleship area) from Brunswick County
-  Downtown Area to be Closed to Vehicular Traffic by Wilmington Police Department as early as 6 P.M.
-  Downtown Area Closed Due to Construction to Vehicular Traffic
-  Barricade to be in place as early as 6 P.M.
-  Barricade to be in place at the End of the Fireworks
-  Construction Barricade Already in Place and to Remain
-  On Ramp to US 421 Northbound is to be blocked and controlled by Brunswick County Sheriff Department
-  New Hanover County Sheriff Department is to Monitor Traffic in Battleship / US 421 Area
-  Variable Message Sign: EVENT TRAFFIC USE BOTH LANES (2100-2300)
-  Variable Message Sign: EVENT TRAFFIC EXPECT DELAYS (1700-2300)



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Traffic Control Plan
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US421 / Battleship Area
Ingress Route from Brunswick
County

Downtown Egress Routes



North 3rd / North Front /
Davis Streets Intersection
Enlarged
Traffic Control Plan

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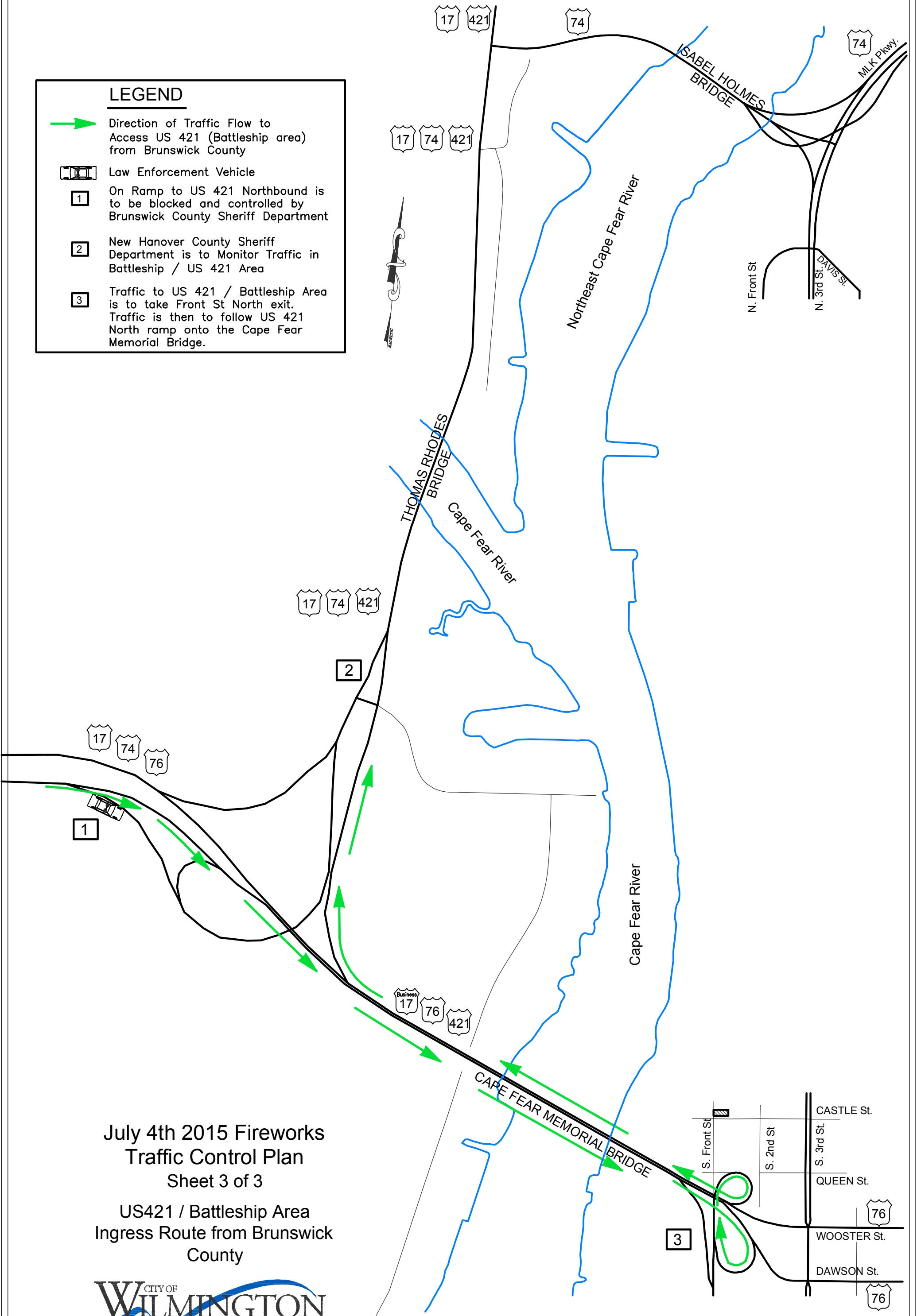
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Traffic Cone or Drum

Law Enforcement Vehicle

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-  Law Enforcement Vehicle
-  On Ramp to US 421 Northbound is to be blocked and controlled by Brunswick County Sheriff Department
-  New Hanover County Sheriff Department is to Monitor Traffic in Battleship / US 421 Area
-  Traffic to US 421 / Battleship Area is to take Front St North exit. Traffic is then to follow US 421 North ramp onto the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge.



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